Author's response to reviews

Title: Silent onset of postmenopausal endometriosis

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To the Journal of Medical Case Reports Editorial Office,

We thanks the referees for reading the article. Below are listed the point-by-point answers. The changes in the text of the new version of the paper are highlighted in red.

Referee 1
Minor rephrasing and grammatical errors
We have rephrased many phrases, also according to what was reported by Referee 2. A native English speaker has corrected the paper.

Referee 2
The Authors present a neat case of postmenopausal endometriosis. The article is interesting but an English revision is necessary. It happens very often throughout the manuscript that verbs are at present instead of in simple past as it used to be. Specific comments follow:
Introduction
- Please report the incidence of this rare event;
  We have reported the incidence of such event, according to what has been reported in literature.
- Explain the possible unpredictable complications of endometriosis
  We have briefly explained some severe unpredictable complications of postmenopausal endometriosis according to what has been recently reported in literature. Therefore, we have add three references.

Case Presentation.
- The first sentence is too schematic. We have changed it.
- total laparoscopic hysterectomy. We have added more information about the hysterectomy.
- Was Ca125 a serum value (s-Ca125)? Yes, it was.
- Report the ranges of normality for blood tests quoted in the manuscript; We have report it according to the ranges provided by our laboratory.
- Upon release do the Authors mean discharge from hospital? Yes we do; we have changed the term to “discharge”.
- Histology is missing. We have added a statement in which it is clarified that pathological examination was diagnostic for endometriosis. We cannot report the histological pattern since it was not described by our pathologists specifically.

Discussion.
- Please avoid long sentences; We have simplified the longer sentences.

Conclusions.
The last sentence reminds to women who suffered from endometriosis during their reproductive age but in the case reported here, it is clearly stated that the patient did not. Therefore, I would suggest a sentence with a wider point of view.
We do not want to expand the discussion too much, in order to avoid sentences that may be considered too speculative by readers. However, we have added some points to clarify the final conclusion. Such conclusion would link the variable behaviour of endometriosis with its biological behaviour even from a clinical point of view. In our opinion, this concept will help us in treating the disease with new drugs in the future.
In addition to the concerns raised by the reviewers, please also address the following editorial requests:

Please address the standard of English language, grammar and spelling within the manuscript. You should have a native English speaking colleague help you with this.
We have do it.

Please include the ethnicity and sex of the patient in the case presentation section of the manuscript
We have added the ethnicity. Endometriosis is a female disease so it is not fundamental to report the sex; we have, however, included it in the case presentation.

Please include a competing interests section. If the authors have no competing interests, please state: "The authors declare that they have no competing interests". We have added it.

Please include the authors contribution section. We suggest the following kind of format (please use initials to refer to each author's contribution): FC analyzed and interpreted the patient data regarding the hematological disease and the transplant. RH performed the histological examination of the kidney, and was a major contributor in writing the manuscript. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.
We have stated it according to your format.

We would be grateful if you could address the comments in a revised manuscript and provide a cover letter giving a point-by-point response to the concerns.
We have do it.

Please also ensure that your revised manuscript conforms to the journal style (http://www.jmedicalcasereports.com/info/instructions/). It is important that your files are correctly formatted.
We have modified the article according to the journal style.

Best regards,
Dr. Ugo Indraccolo & Fabrizio Barbieri